

generic to all species identified by the Examiner.

**II. Applicants' Traversal**

This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that (1) all groups of claims are properly presented in the same application; (2) undue diverse searching should not be required; and (3) all claims should be examined together. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the election requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully solicited.

If any issues exist, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

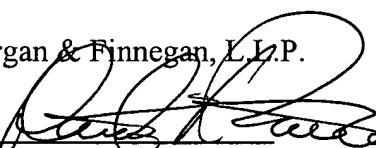
**AUTHORIZATION**

No fee or petition for extension of time is believed due for this response.

The Assistant Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including for any required extension of time, which may be required for this response to Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4046US2, and is hereby petitioned for any extension of time which is required to make this response timely. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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